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Dear Attorney Hesse:

As an avid consumer of new technology products I am writing to express to you my support for the settlement of the Microsoft anti-trust lawsuit. There are many arguments why the case against Microsoft was an ill-founded decision. However, I feel the economic reasons are the most compelling.

The whole premise of the government's case has been that Microsoft was responsible for significant consumer harm. It is quite apparent this is not the case. Microsoft is the leading choice among consumers because they find its products to be of superior quality. Yet the government has spent millions of dollars prosecuting a case that the public does not support. The cost to the taxpayer has been staggering.

The damage this case has caused to our nation's financial well-being goes beyond the wasting of public funds. This case and the government's threat of break-up have served as a deterrent to investment in the computer and communications industry. There are many contributing factors to the major decline of the NASDAQ, however, the threat of serious government intervention in our nation's fastest growing industry only added to the problem.

In an effort to end this case, DOJ and Microsoft negotiators have found enough common ground to reach a settlement. Based on my knowledge of the agreement this settlement is a solid one. Microsoft will be held responsible for portions of the complaint upheld in court and an independent commission will monitor its compliance with the provisions of the settlement.

The settlement of this case is a good indication that companies like Microsoft will be free to compete and grow in our open market. Both our economy and consumers will benefit

Sincerely,

Logan Overman